

FALLS GAZETTE

## Tragic Death of S. Everett Mason Comes as Shock to Friends Here

Member of One of City's Most Prominent Families, Former City and Power Company Engineer, Ends His Life in Kenmore.

The relatives and many friends of S. Everett Mason, 55 years old, prominent Niagara Falls resident for many years, were shocked to hear of his tragic death yesterday in Kenmore, where he had lived for the past two years. A long period of unemployment and other troubles are believed to have preyed on his mind to the extent that he was prompted to take his life with a revolver in his apartment yesterday morning.

Mr. Mason was a native of Niagara Falls and was a member of one of the city's oldest and best known families. His father, the late Samuel J. Mason, pioneer Niagaran, at one time conducted a store at Main street and Buffalo avenue. At that time there was no other building in Buffalo avenue between the Mason store and the Jerauld home on the present site of the Niagara Club. Mr. Mason was a member of the Porter family, his mother being a sister of Mrs. Peter A. Porter, wife of the late well known frontier historian.

Mr. Mason received his education in the village schools of Niagara Falls. From 1894 to 1898 he was employed by the old Niagara Falls Power company in field engineering work while laying out the streets, sewers, water mains and drainage of Echota. In April, 1898, he volunteered in Company E, 3rd Infantry, New York Volunteers, for service in the Spanish American War.

After the war Mr. Mason returned to enter the service of the city engineering department, rising to the position of assistant city engineer, which he held until 1913, when he resigned to accept a position as engineer with the Read-Coddington Engineering company. In

1915 he became assistant engineer to John L. Harper, chief engineer in charge of grade crossing elimination in Niagara Falls. He held this position



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until late in 1917, when he received a commission as first lieutenant of infantry and left for service in the World War. He returned after 14 months ser-

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